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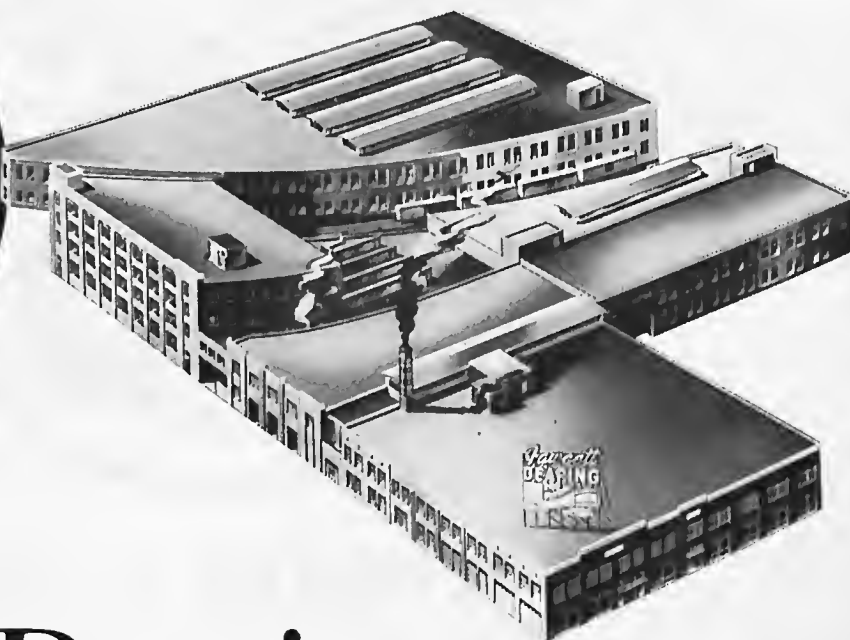
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Kiwanians have long been associated with the helping of Underprivileged Children. We are indeed happy to cooperate with them in presenting this, our Ninth Annual Show, the proceeds of which will assist the Kiwanis Clubs in the continuance of this worthy project.

Many hours of hard but pleasant work have been spent to bring this entertainment to you. The men you see singing in our Chorus this evening have not only practised diligently and enthusiastically, but also have served on one or more of the many committees incidental to the success of a venture of this magnitude.

To all of these Barbershoppers, to their ladies, whose cooperation has been marvelous, to all of the Kiwanians for their untiring efforts, to the newspapers, radio and television stations who have unselfishly performed the task of publicizing the show and, last but not least, to you, our wonderful audience, I can only say "thank you very much" and "come back next year."

Joseph D. Cutsinger

Joseph D. Cutsinger, President

Louisville Chapter, S.P.E.B.S.Q.S.A.

Barbershopping

Each year the Louisville Chapter of the S.P.E.B.-S.Q.S.A. Inc. endeavors through the medium of its annual Show Program to give to the general public a better understanding of Barbershopping and the Society that Encourages and Preserves the harmony that brings back fond memories that were so popular with the generations of yesteryear. This year in keeping with this policy we would like to reprint an excerpt from one of America's leading periodicals which reads as follows:

The good being accomplished by S.P.E.B.S.Q.S.A. is clearly evidenced in the tremendous success and popularity of its revival of barbershop harmony, which, known to be genuine Americana, has been proved worthy of preservation and encouragement. The careless "inharmonies" of the past, often associated with such good old songs as "Sweet Adeline," are rapidly fading out through this society's devotion to good conduct in knowing and proving that they harmonize better when moved by finer stimulants than "spirits."

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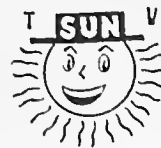
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It is a most welcome pleasure and privilege, patrons and friends of our Louisville Chapter, to tell you something through the medium of this Show Program about the status of the Louisville Chapter in the Society for the Preservation and Encouragement of Barber Shop Quartet Singing in America. It would also be in order I feel to tell you something about the many significant contributions made to the welfare of the City of Louisville and surrounding communities by the Louisville Chapter, its quartets and its chorus. Little time and effort is spent by SPEBSQSA Chapters in self-praise or publicizing of their worthy works, and while the Louisville Chapter is among the foremost "community service" chapters in our Organization, it is at the same time one of our most modest groups.

SPEBSQSA, which was founded April 11, 1938, has grown to more than 600 Chapters in the United States, Canada and our territorial possessions, with a total membership of approximately 25,000 men. The Louisville Chapter was chartered August 1, 1945, being sponsored by our Evansville, Indiana Chapter.

As our multi-lettered name implies, our organization was originally based on "fun" which is such an important part of the American way of life. Soon after the founding of SPEBSQSA, it became apparent that an organization dedicated to preserve and encourage one of the three forms of American folk singing native to America (Barbershop Quartet Singing, the Negro Spiritual and the Cowboy Ballad) filled a very definite need on the American scene. Men everywhere who thirsted for opportunities to enjoy the good fellowship and inner satisfaction which comes from being a part of a four part harmony chord, clamored for membership in this "unique organization".

As these men organized themselves into quartets, and choruses, they quickly discovered that singing for others, particularly those less fortunate than they, offered far greater rewards than the self-entertainment which they originally sought in becoming a part of organized barbershop quartet singing. Boosting the morale of people in old folks homes and hospitals and lending comfort to them by financial and other means automatically became a primary function of the Louisville Chapter just as it did for other chapters in our Society.

The local Barbershoppers helped to raise over \$2,500.00 for the Kosair Crippled Children. Around \$2,000.00 went to the underprivileged Children. Through the SPEBSQSA Booth at the Blind Picnic, \$400.00 was donated and \$1,000.00 was made for the Orphans. The Chapter Chorus sang on various Telethons which were very successful in raising money for various worthy projects.

In addition to spreading entertainment and good cheer in the Louisville Area, the Louisville Chapter Chorus has traveled over much of our Indiana-Kentucky District appearing in singing competitions and on formal programs and its quartets have been invited to appear in leading cities in much of the Eastern half of the United States. The achievements of the Louisville Chapter have placed it in the very top ranks of our Organization. Official recognition of the Louisville Chapter's record of accomplishments has come to Louisville with the awarding of our 1955 International Mid-winter Convention to the City of Louisville.

January 21, 22 and 23 of next year, the International Officers of SPEBSQSA will hold their business meetings in your city and they will be joined by quartets, choruses and members from all over the United States and Canada to sing together and to discuss ways and means of furthering our aim to "Keep America Singing".

We are proud of our Louisville Chapter and we are grateful for the enthusiastic support you, the citizens of Louisville, have given to their musical and charitable endeavors. With every confidence in their continuing to merit your greatest respect and co-operation, I highly commend to you, the members of our Louisville Chapter.

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Somehow it seems virtually impossible to restrain from thinking of the days of the not too distant past and of the songs sung in and around barber shops.

Bearing that thought in mind, our Production Staff endeavored to devise this evening's entertainment in a manner that will not be confined to "recalling memories" only, but to recall "the most pleasant of your memories in 'Harmony'."

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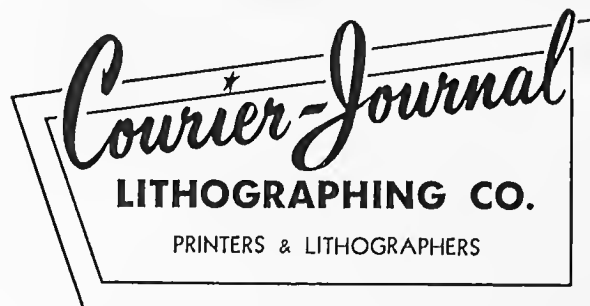
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Please accept the sincere thanks of WAVE-TV and WAVE for your generous help in the HOPE FOR ARTHRITIS Show on Friday, April 30. All of us at the station are most appreciative, and I am sure the Kentucky Arthritis Foundation is, also. Most important of all, the victims of arthritis and rheumatism are, I know, grateful for all that you did.

Many thanks and very best wishes.

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A letter of thanks received by President Joe Cutsinger for the appearance of Chorus in behalf of the Kentucky Arthritis Foundation.

They take pride in their songs and an equal amount of pride and satisfaction in their charitable endeavors.

Many times they are called upon to help raise funds for various civic undertakings. School books



Another picture of Kosair Picnic.

Booths are maintained at the Kosair Crippled Children's Picnic, the Protestant Orphans' Home at which articles are displayed to be distributed to the person who has placed his or her money on the lucky numbers. There are always crowds around the Barbershoppers' booth, which accounts for the sums we are able to turn over to these organizations.

You have no doubt seen the Barbershoppers on television when they appeared on the Cerebral Palsy Telethon, which this year was m.c.'d by Bob Hope. They participated in the holiday shows for the patients at the Veterans' Hospital, Waverly Hills Sanatorium and at various times at other hospitals.



Barbershopper Ray Marrillia playing a game at Orphans Picnic. Proceeds to Orphans. S.P.E.B.S.Q.S.A. Booth in background.



A view of Barbershoppers Booth Kosair Crippled Children Picnic.

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Just before Christmas each year a party is held and each member is requested to bring a toy for either girl or boy. The ladies also bring toys and they are distributed to the Orphans on Christmas morning.

There is nothing one can do that gives more satisfaction and pleasure than helping others.

The work in learning new songs is endless, but the desire is there in the hearts of all Barbershoppers and the satisfaction of being able to sing those songs for the benefit of others is their reward.

Each year a show is given for the benefit of some charitable organization. In previous years it was the Heart Fund, but last year and this year the Kiwanis Underprivileged Children's Fund has been the beneficiary.

The social life among Barbershoppers is not overlooked. During the year a Stag is given, at which the members participate in golf, baseball, horseshoe pitching and just plain "woodshedding". That is the term used to describe group singing in which old songs are drawn from one's memory library and sung in harmony to the satisfaction of the participants. All this is followed by a delicious country fried chicken dinner.



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The wives of Barbershoppers are kept in mind, too. There are none more loyal to Barbershopping than the wives and/or sweethearts of Barbershoppers. Ladies Nights are enjoyed by members and their partners. Door prizes are presented and dancing and dining fill the evening.

The music is varied from the dignified waltz to the square dance and latest dance steps. That is necessary, because the membership has an age range from the teens to the middle eighties.

Is there any wonder why Barbershoppers show the sustained interest and enthusiasm year after year?

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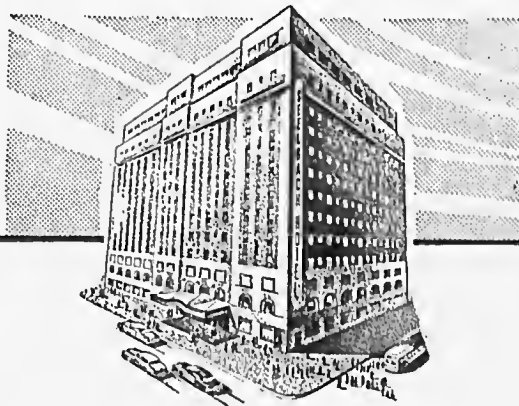
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The Past Convention was held in Washington, D. C. and the chords of Barbershop Harmony fell on the ears of many celebrities including the President of the United States. It is a much valued experience to join in the merriment of Woodshedding and the seriousness of the right notes blending with the other parts while the physical appearance meets with the judging eyes of the contest. But it is much more of a thrill and experience to receive such a tribute for participating in singing, encouraging and preserving barbershop harmony in its many variations as was received by Bob Hafer, S.P.E.B.S.Q.S.A. International Secretary, in a letter as follows:

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Washington June 24, 1954

Dear Mr. Hafer:

When I entered the Statler Hotel on Thursday night, the tenth, I was delighted to hear the spontaneous serenade of the members of the Society for the Preservation and Encouragement of Barber Shop Quartet Singing in America. If it is possible for you to convey thanks of Mrs. Eisenhower and myself to the members of your Society, I would be most grateful.

*With best wishes,
Sincerely,
Dwight D. Eisenhower*

During the Convention, the agenda discloses many interesting notes. A committee called the special College of Arrangers was set up to encourage Society arrangers and train others. There were the teen age activities planned for Barbershoppers' sons and daughters. Special emphasis on woodshedding and many other variations of Barbershopping at its best.

Three awards for outstanding service to the Nation were presented to the Society.

- Certificate of Merit by the Veterans of Foreign Wars "in grateful recognition" of the quartets who sang for servicemen overseas.

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After the International Convention is over and good times and fellowship have ruled throughout, there is no doubt that every Barbershopper is home-bound with the admonition to Keep America Singing. The Louisville Chapter is proud to be a member Chapter of the S.P.E.B.S.Q.S.A. Inc., and has had representative quartets in the Contest with many of its members attending this gala event year after year.

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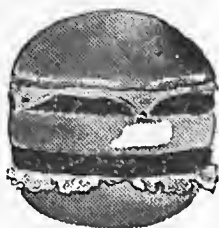
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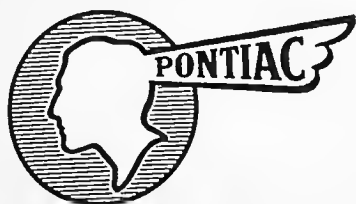


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